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| 36. | 191 Up | Magadh Exp. |
| 37. | 196 Dn | Himalayan Queen |
| 38. | 202 Dn | Ahmedabad Mail |
| 39. | 502 Dn | Pink City Exp. |
| 40. | 506 Dn | Ashram Exp. |
| 41. | 510 Dn | Mandor Exp. |
| 42. | 516 Dn | Garib Nawaz Exp. |
| 43. | 905 Dn | Bangalore Exp. |
| 44. | 915 Up | Puri Exp. |
| 45. | 921 Up | N.E. Exp. |
| 46. | 927 Up | Karanataka Exp. |
| 47. | 198 Up | Shan-e-Punjab |

**Adoption of Hindi as Medium of Education by Universities**

*416. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Universities in the country have not yet adopted Hindi as a medium of instruction for education; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the names of these universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the National Policy of Education-1986, Universities were to take urgent steps to adopt regional languages as the media of instruction at the University stage. In pursuance of this policy, several Universities have taken steps to introduce progressively one or more regional languages as the media of instruction for specified courses offered by them.

*417. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1988*].

**Strike Notice Served by DTC Workers**

*418. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Corporation workers have given notice of their intention to go on an indefinite strike from 17th March, 1988;

(b) if so, when such a notice was given by them;

(c) what are their demands; and

(d) what steps Government had taken to avert the strike and settle their demands amicably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Notices for strike were received on 18-2-1988, 19-2-1988 and 3-3-1988.

(c) Their demands are:

(i) Implementation of recommendations of 4th Pay Commission to the employees of DTC; and

(ii) Stoppage of 40 per cent privatization of buses.

(d) DTC Management and the Government held discussions with the Unions. The matter was also taken in conciliation. The Government and management have impressed on the Unions that the matter is *subjudice*.

**Encephalitis in North Eastern States**

*419. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that encephalitis is assuming the proportions of an epidemic in the North East region particularly in Assam;

(b) if so, how many persons died of this disease in Assam during the last 3 years; and

(c) whether Government have taken any preventive measures; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The deaths reported due to Japanese Encephalitis by the Government of Assam during the last 3 years is as under:—

| Year | No. of deaths |
|---|---|
| 1985 | 12 |
| 1986 | 311 |
| 1987 | 123 (Provisional) |

(c) The following preventive measures are being undertaken to control Japanese Encephalitis:—

(i) Indoor residual spraying with Benzene Hexachloride in an area of 2-3 KM around a case.

(ii) Weekly fogging|Ultra Low Volume spray with Malathion for at least 4 weeks.

(iii) Intensification of antilarval operations in affected urban areas.

(iv) Weekly pyrethrum space spray for at least 4 weeks in urban areas where indoor residual spray is not feasible.

(v) The Japanese Encephalitis vaccine has been developed by Central Research Institute, Kasauli and is under clinical trial in the field.

(vi) Extension of health education through publicity with the help of different media and ensuring community participation in control and prevention.

**Project Reports of Canals from Andhra Pradesh Pending Clearance**

*420. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project reports relating to improvements to (i) Buckingham Canal (258 kms); (ii) Commamur Canal (113 kms.) and (iii) Eluru Canal (138.74 kms.) were sent for approval to the Ministry by Andhra Pradesh Government in March, 1985; and

(b) if so, what action the Central Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) In june 1986, the State Government sent four separate proposals for improvement of (i) Buckingham Canal (13.8 kms.), (ii) Commamur Canal (113 kms.), (iii) Eluru Canal (138.74 kms.) and (iv) Kakinada Canal (47 kms.) at a total cost of Rs. 6 crores. Later in June 1987 the State Government revised all the proposals by adding entire stretch of Buckingham Canal revising the cost to Rs. 23.84 crores.

(b) The examination of these project reports revealed that the improvement of these canals needs a comprehensive scheme for an integrated development of the canal system. The State Government has been advised to prepare a comprehensive scheme.

**Production of Cheap Feature Films**

@2863. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the rising trend of production of cheap feature films in the country glorifying violence and obscenity and produced with a view to earning quick profits; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government to effectively curb this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes,

@Previously Unstarred Question 2536 transferred from the 18th March, 1988.